

## ~ SESSION IN FOCUS ~

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE OPENING SESSIONS OF  
THE 2016 NASC ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Monday, August 8, 2016 - Ballroom C - Little America Hotel**

**7:30 a.m. Breakfast & Registration**

**8:45 a.m. Welcome & Introductions**

*Utah Governor Gary Herbert*

*Utah Chief Justice Matthew Durrant*

**9:00 a.m. Plenary Session 1:**

***Evidence-Based Short-Term Interventions for Lower Level Offenses***

*Lengthy periods of treatment or community supervision are disproportionate to the potential incarceration time for lower level offenses. Roughly half the total number of offenders nationwide commit lower level offenses (misdemeanors, drug and property felonies) and a significant percentage are high risk to reoffend. This panel will explore sentencing alternatives to incarceration (community service, circles of peace, diversion, plea in abeyance, etc.) which are both evidence-based and short term.*

**Esteemed Panelists for this Session Include:**

**Teresa Welch (moderator)** Appellate Attorney for the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association. Teresa started in 2003 as a trial attorney for SLLDA, and from 2011-2014, Teresa supervised a team of eight attorneys in the Third District Court's Early Case Resolution (ECR) court program. Based upon her experiences, Teresa wrote and published an article in the *Criminal Law Bulletin*, titled "Early Case Resolution Court Programs: Evaluating the Good and Bad in Seeking Efficient Justice." Teresa is a member of the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence and is an editor for the Utah Journal of Criminal Law. She also serves on the Utah Domestic Violence Planning Advisory Council. Teresa co-authored a textbook published by Aspen Publishers: "Understanding Criminal Evidence: A Case Method Approach," and has authored several law review and peer review articles. Teresa teaches various criminal justice classes as an adjunct professor at Weber State University; and philosophy and ethics classes as an adjunct professor at Salt Lake Community College. Teresa earned four degrees from the University of Utah: a J.D., a M.A. in philosophy, a B.S. in philosophy, and a B.M in violin performance. Teresa is currently completing a PhD in criminal justice at Nova Southeastern University.

**Judge John Baxter**, Salt Lake City Justice Court Judge. Judge Baxter was appointed in 2002. He presides over Salt Lake City's Homeless Court and Veterans' Court. Judge Baxter chaired the Utah Judicial Council's Committee on Access to Resources for Self-Represented Parties and served on the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Professionalism and the Committee on Judicial Outreach. He currently serves on the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure and the State Bar New Lawyer Training Program Committee. Judge Baxter is a member of the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Advisory Council as well as a member of the Utah State Bar and the State Bar of California. Before becoming a judge, he volunteered as an attorney at the Sunday homeless breakfast in Salt Lake City and served in the United States Marine Corps.

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**Dr. Rob Butters**, Director of the University of Utah Utah Criminal Justice Center and Assistant Professor in the College of Social Work. He received his BS in Psychology, Master of Social Work, and his Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Utah. His professional interests and research are in the areas of forensic social work, criminal justice and homelessness, evidence-based practice, experimental designs and program evaluation, data driven policymaking, social impact investing, risk and needs assessments, psychometric instruments, and community-based research.

**Judge Alex M. Calabrese**, Acting Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York and the Presiding Judge of the Red Hook Community Justice Center. Red Hook is a one-judge court and one of the most comprehensive community courts in the United States. Red Hook is the first multi-jurisdictional problem-solving court in the country and Judge Calabrese is able to resolve cases using an array of sanctions and services, including substance abuse treatment, trauma counseling, education programs, job training and peacemaking, helping community members get their lives back on track. Moreover, a hallmark of the Justice Center is ensuring that everyone entering the courthouse is treated with respect throughout the judicial process. Community courts utilizing principles of procedural justice and problem-solving have opened in Australia, Canada, Israel, South Africa and throughout the United States. Other jurisdictions are considering this new approach to justice. The Red Hook Community Justice Center received the 2006 Problem-Solver Award from the America Bar Association, the 2008 NCJA Outstanding Program Award, the 2013 Robin Hood Heroes Award and the 2014 CEI-PEA Education Award. Judge Calabrese lectures nationally and internationally on community justice, problem-solving courts and procedural justice. He was appointed to the bench in 1997 by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. He is an Adjunct Professor at the New York University Graduate School of Social Work and co-authored "Criminal Law and Practice," a treatise published and revised annually by the New York State Bar Assoc.

### **Questions for the interactive panel include:**

- What evidence-based interventions or programs are working for lower level offenders?
- How important is collaboration to effectively addressing low-risk offenders?
- What are some of the challenges/problems to watch for when addressing low-risk offenders with evidence-based practices?
- How are punishments vs. rewards effectively imposed on low-risk offenders? (i.e. graduated sanctions, no imposition of zero tolerance, early termination of probation)

### **The panelists welcome your questions as well!**

### **The following links would be helpful to review in advance:**

- [www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/documents/EvidenceBasedStrategiesForWorkingWithOffenders.pdf](http://www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/documents/EvidenceBasedStrategiesForWorkingWithOffenders.pdf)
- [http://ucjc.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/ECR\\_FinalReport.pdf](http://ucjc.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/ECR_FinalReport.pdf)
- [www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_services/homelessness\\_poverty.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/homelessness_poverty.html)
- [www.ncsc.org/Topics/Problem-Solving-Courts/Veterans-Court/Resource-Guide.aspx](http://www.ncsc.org/Topics/Problem-Solving-Courts/Veterans-Court/Resource-Guide.aspx)
- [www.courtinnovation.org/research/they-treated-me-person-inside-red-hook-community-justice-center](http://www.courtinnovation.org/research/they-treated-me-person-inside-red-hook-community-justice-center)
- [www.upworthy.com/this-community-is-battling-crime-using-jail-as-a-last-resort-and-its-working?c=hpstream](http://www.upworthy.com/this-community-is-battling-crime-using-jail-as-a-last-resort-and-its-working?c=hpstream)
- [www.sbs.com.au/news/dateline/story/unjust-justice](http://www.sbs.com.au/news/dateline/story/unjust-justice)